

New ribbon recognizes deployed, TDY airmen

Master Sgt. Randy L. Mitchell
AFPC Public Affairs

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche has approved award of the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon to recognize service members’ support of air expeditionary force deployments.

The AFESR will be awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard people who completed a contingency deployment after



Oct. 1, 1999, according to officials.

“Deployed status is defined as either deployment on contingency, exercise, deployment orders or members sourced in direct support, in-theater or out, of expeditionary operations with an overnight away from home station,” said Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Simmons, superintendent of the awards and decorations section here.

To qualify for the award, individuals must have deployed for

45 consecutive days, or 90 non-consecutive days. There is no time limit to accumulate the 90 non-consecutive days.

To receive the award, an individual should report to his or her military personnel flight upon return from deployment and present a copy of the orders and completed travel voucher; any citations or certificates received while deployed may also help prove entitlement.

“If the special

order doesn’t identify the temporary duty as a contingency deployment, the current squadron commander may validate AFESR entitlement by evaluating the request and verifying any supporting documentation,” said Sergeant Simmons. “He would then provide a memorandum to the MPF validating the TDY and how many days the individual was deployed.”

For more information, contact your servicing MPF.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Lt. Col. John Davidson, 41st Flying Training Squadron commander, and 2nd Lt. Yoshihito Nakano, Japanese international student of Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training class 04-13, prepare to deplane Friday after completing the last flight of fiscal year 2003. The 14th Flying Training Wing flew 67,156 sorties and graduated 348 pilots between October 2002 and Tuesday.

BLAZE closes fiscal year on budget, flight hours; avoids safety incidents

1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing closed out the 2003 fiscal year budget at midnight Tuesday evening.

“A fantastic effort by the wing closed out the fiscal year successfully,” said Col. Mike Parsons, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander, who also closed out his career Tuesday. “The men and women of the 14th Comptroller Flight and 14th Contracting Squadron worked long hours, late nights and weekends in preparation for a successful end to the fiscal year.”

Maj. Cameron Holt, 14th CONS commander, was also impressed.

“I have never seen a wing that was more prepared for end of year,” Major Holt said. “The teamwork in negotiations between contracting and civil engineering paid huge dividends for the wing.”

Maj. Bryan Stokstad, 14th CPTF commander, explained the process.

“Closeout is the culmination of a year-long effort in which we utilize fallout dollars and also work to secure additional funding from headquarters for our base’s unfunded requirements,” Major Stokstad said.

First Lt. Ariol Paz, CPTF deputy budget director, gave credit to many area managers.

“This was a huge team effort, involving every resource advisor, cost center manager and organization in the wing. And by comparison with all other bases in the command, the BLAZE team came up big this year with the most successful closeout ever,” Lieutenant Paz said.

Kaye Lee, 14th CPTF budget director, said 2003 was Columbus AFB’s best in two decades.

“I’ve been in the budget office for over 20 years and this was the smoothest, most well-coordinated closeout we’ve ever seen,” she said. “We were very prepared, which overall paid great dividends for Columbus AFB.”

Even those new to the process recognized their work was important.

“I’m happy that I bought items that will be visible to the base and that everyone will be able to use what I purchased,” said Airman 1st Class Chantz Drake, CONS purchasing agent.

Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th FTW commander, called the closeout an outstanding feat that should not be taken for granted.

“I’m extremely proud of the Columbus BLAZE team and all we have accomplished,” he said. “With the support of the entire wing, we’ve graduated 348 professional military aviators, and flown over 94,000 hours without any major safety incident.”

NEWS BRIEFS

HAWC closure

The Health and Wellness Center is closed from 3 to 4 p.m today.

CAIB forum

Everyone is welcome at the Community Action Information Board meeting at 2 p.m. Monday at the Columbus Club. The CAIB is an open forum, headed by the 14th Flying Training Wing commander, to discuss base improvement.

Spouses club meeting

The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club social is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Oct. 14 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$10.50 per person (Columbus Club members \$8.50). To register, call Lisa Davis at 434-8723 or e-mail airtex60@yahoo.com by noon Tuesday.

Enlisted dining out

An enlisted dining out is scheduled for Nov. 14. Enlisted volunteers willing to serve as Mister/Madam Vice or Sergeant-at-Arms should contact Senior Master Sgt. John Wolfe at Ext. 2021 or by e-mail.

IDEA program

Innovative Development through Employee Awareness recognizes and rewards suggestions on how the Air Force can do something faster, better or more cheaply. Submit ideas anytime via https://ideas.randolph.af.mil. For more information call Ext. 2398.

Pharmacy help

The 14th Medical Group is recruiting pharmacy volunteers. The Red Cross office sponsors this program. For more information call Ext. 2168.



Mary Crump

Ready for more responsibility

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the September enlisted promotees. Pictured are (from left to right, back first): to staff sergeant, Aaron Allen, 14th Mission Support Squadron, Allan Arguello, 14th Security Forces Squadron, Ryan McCabe, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron; to master sergeant, Michael Pascale, 14th Medical Group; to senior master sergeant, John Blake, 14th Operations Support Squadron; to airman, Mark Belyea, 41st Flying Training Squadron, Denise Gutierrez, 14th Flying Training Wing; to airman first class, Thomas Baughman, 14th Operations Support Squadron; to senior airman, Brian Barry, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron, Michael Godlewski and Allen Holloway, 14th Security Forces Squadron. Not pictured are: to master sergeant, Lyle Vines, 14th Mission Support Squadron; to senior airman, Winston Ellison, 14th Security Forces Squadron; to airman first class, Edwin Farlough, 41st Flying Training Squadron.

Busted for DUI: Offenders relate experiences

Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

(Editor’s note: Identities and units were withheld at subjects’ request.)

A Tyndall senior airman was leaving a Panama City restaurant parking lot when the tires of his sport utility vehicle squealed, gaining the attention of a city police officer nearby.

As far as the airman was concerned, he had only consumed what he felt was a minimal amount of beer, but when he was pulled over and took a breathalyzer test, he was startled to learn he registered a .12 blood alcohol content, which meant he was driving under the influence, or DUI as it is better known.

How could this have happened to a military member who had heard all the messages, all the warnings about the adverse consequences of drinking and driving, not to mention the safe alternatives?

“I knew there were consequences, but I never thought it could happen to me,” he admitted.

The military part of his punishment came quickly - a letter of reprimand and placement on his unit’s unfavorable information file - but there were many other ways his life and career suffered.

“With all of the fees and court costs, my financial situation is pretty bad right now,” the airman said. “I have to do a lot of cutting back on spending on things I want or don’t

really need. I’m not sure how much my insurance is going to go up, but I’m not looking forward to that.”

Adding to the misery of his consequences, his driver’s license was suspended for six months off base and a full year on base.

“I have to depend on people for rides everywhere,” he added. “I can’t make plans to do anything without checking with another person first.”

For a Tyndall second lieutenant, his DUI bust back in December 1992 slammed the door on a prestigious education and training opportunity and much more.

“It cost me my appointment to the Air Force Academy,” he lamented.

The California native was just seven months from entering the academy when his decision to drive after drinking changed all of that. Leaving his employer’s Christmas party after drinking more than a dozen mixed drinks, the cadet candidate ignored his boss’s pleas to take a cab or get a ride home.

“At the time, I was actually afraid I’d have a problem getting a ride back to retrieve my car, so I decided to drive,” he recalled.

After arguing with a parking garage attendant about the cost of a parking fee, the intoxicated driver stomped the gas pedal of his sedan and broke through the flimsy yellow gate arm.

“The next thing I remembered was swerving on the freeway to avoid hitting a gas truck, then seeing flashing blue lights behind me,” he said. “I had to take a sobriety test

and blew a .14. I was fried.”

At the police station he was booked and spent a scary night inside the facility’s “drunk tank” with several other detainees. The next morning he was slapped with the first of many fines and associated costs yet to come.

“It started with a \$100 impound fee for my car,” he recalled. “I lost my license for six months and my (automobile) insurance cancelled me. My court fine was \$2,000 and my 12-week DUI classes were around \$500-\$600. Then there were the mandatory two sessions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

“My insurance, which was normally \$110 a month increased to about \$500 a month, because only one state-appointed insurance company would insure me. My DUI stayed on my record for three years. Then my lawyer fees were added on - about \$10,000 because the judge really wanted to put me in jail a long time. When I total it up, I figure my DUI cost me nearly \$30,000.”

As if the financial toll weren’t high enough, the DUI offender had to seek a waiver to permit him to enter his college’s ROTC program. Despite the brutal reality of his consequences, the lieutenant keeps a healthy perspective on the experience.

“It could have been a lot worse, I could have killed someone, including myself,” he said. “It took me over seven years to recover from the full effect. Looking back, it was just plain stupid. It’s something I’m still ashamed of, but I’ll talk to anybody about it if it helps them understand the costs of drinking and driving.” *(AETCNS)*

‘Sarge’ to ‘sir’ transition a matter of excellence

Col. Jay E. Seward
Air Force ROTC

Attention enlisted force! Officers with enlisted experience are valued by the United States Air Force. If you meet the entry requirements and have what it takes, you have a chance to lead your peers as a commissioned officer. How do you make that happen? Simply stated: Excellence, excellence, excellence.

As the president of a recent enlisted scholarship selection board held at ROTC headquarters, I had the responsibility to cull through the records of many applicants for a few commissioned positions. I did this with the able assistance of an officer with enlisted background and a senior noncommissioned officer.

After that board, the three of us sat down and reflected on what differentiated the good records from the weak ones. Here is a summary of our observations.

The first observation is simple to say, but apparently overlooked by many applicants. As this is a boarded process, you are your record. If the wrong information is in your records, or

information is incomplete, you have formed a mental image of your attention to detail. The education office or your commander is not responsible, you are. Consider this interesting observation.

During my board, every non-Air Force applicant followed the Air Force selection instructions to the letter. In contrast, many Air Force applicant records had errors, gaps in information and like faults.

If you were selecting future leaders, whom would you select: the deployed Marine who was able to get the application records together perfectly or the Air Force NCO at a stateside base who couldn’t figure out the process? With equal records, the Marine wins because attention to detail is critical in our Air Force. You need to show this level of attention.

This expectation of excellence applies to your academic and military standards, too.

If your record shows you’ve taken one course at a time without getting A’s, what does that suggest about your ability to carry a fulltime college load?

If your weight and fitness records suggest you are “living on the edge,” that

will make it more difficult for you to be selected.

Finally, you need to realize that most of your competitors have “firewall 5s” on their enlisted performance reports with no record of non-judicial punishment.

These are the most competitive applicants. Any markdowns on your records make it that much more difficult to compete with your peers. The same can be said for weak SAT/ACT scores, Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores, minimal GPAs and records containing significant “civil involvements.”

Remember that commissioning you is a whole-person proposition and the end result needs to be good for you and also good for the Air Force. You need to convince the board you have the maturity, drive and skills to make the Air Force better.

Everyone wants money for college. The issue is whether that investment in you makes sense from a service perspective. Your application is stronger if you will be a great “whole person” example for other training AFROTC cadets.

Commanders are an integral part of this process. Their written statements speak

volumes to the board, and they must retain their credibility. If you are a very junior person applying for consideration, the only significant thing suggesting your potential is your commander’s comment.

Likewise, if you have changed for the better and are not what your record reflects, then your commander needs to clearly state why that is true. Commanders should lead, and it is possible to lead the board to a conclusion through the power of the pen as long as the applicant has a strong set of application credentials.

The quality of the officer corps in the United States Air Force is essential to its continued greatness. The standards for selection are extremely high. The Air Force expects officers to demonstrate all core values.

Applicants need to understand that excellence is subjectively and objectively judged in the AFROTC enlisted-to-officer selection process.

“Excellence in everything you do” is good advice this time and anytime.

(Col. Seward is the commander of Air Force ROTC Detachment 775 at the University of South Carolina.)

Weekend testing, gate sweeps to deter drug use

Julie Owens
Drug Demand Reduction Program

By now, you may have heard that Saturday we implemented weekend drug testing. This testing, like the routine drug testing we do during the week, was completely random and affected members of every squadron and group.

Our drug-testing program has proven itself as an essential tool in identifying those individuals who compromise safety and efficiency in the Air Force workplace. Furthermore, the weekend testing is an effective deterrent to individuals using drugs on a Friday night and hoping to get the drugs out of their systems by Monday.

It’s important to remember that as Air Force members, we are all subject to random testing 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is therefore your responsibility to update your unit’s recall roster and to keep your supervisors informed if you can’t be reached by phone. This is important not only for drug testing, but also for any recall that we need to implement.

Supervisors, you need to know where your folks are spending their weekends if they aren’t in town. We owe it to each other to maintain accountability, because our people are our greatest assets. The mission could not be accomplished without all of you.

Weekend drug testing won’t be going away. In fact, other measures, such as gate sweeps, will be used to help deter our folks from illegal drug use. Although painful, the overall benefit to our base and our Air Force will be immeasurable.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this initiative.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Police with 14th Security Forces Squadron check a car and driver during a recent gate sweep. The inspections, along with weekend drug testing, are being introduced to deter illegal activity by CAFB members.

Why ‘just getting by’ may not be good enough

Capt. Randy Brann
14th FTW Maintenance Authority

Have you ever noticed the cyclical effect that health and fitness-related information has on people? By cyclical effect, I’m referring to the phenomenon that occurs when an issue, like the new Air Force fitness test, is widely discussed. In this case, it means people who don’t routinely exercise are beginning to flock in droves to the fitness center. Some are former “gym rats” who have been on extended gym leave and have now found an excuse to renew old resolutions to get fit - count me in this group. Others are beginners who have been coaxed by a friend, spouse, boss, expanding waist line and/or shrinking vehicle safety belt. Still others - and I think most of us can claim this - are seeking the benefits of routine exercise because they are genuinely concerned about the consequences of a sedentary, overweight and/or unhealthy lifestyle. And at least for us military

types, no one wants to be the first to fail the new fitness test come January.

Now, I have left out an important group here. They are the dedicated, die-hard gym rats that have a fairly rigorous and somewhat fixed workout routine. They’re in the gym almost every day, rain or shine, one to two hours. You know the ones. They operate throughout the gym, from the aerobic exercise area to the free-weight equipment, like skilled surgeons. They pause only long enough to record in their notebooks the exact weight and repetition of each exercise. These folks exercise like they’re on a mission, because to some extent they are. Most of them have developed an exercise program that will outlast any “fad” that comes along. These are also the people that will not only ace the new fitness test and put the rest of us to shame, but will probably out live you and me.

Like them, you should make it your mission in life to develop and maintain a well-balanced exercise and nutrition program.

According to data from the 1999-2000 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, nearly two-thirds of adults in the United States are overweight, and of those that are overweight, 30.5 percent are obese.

According to the National Institutes of Health, overweight and obesity are known risk factors for:

- ☐ diabetes
- ☐ heart disease
- ☐ stroke
- ☐ hypertension
- ☐ osteoarthritis
- ☐ some forms of cancer (uterine, breast, colorectal, kidney, and gallbladder)

In addition, approximately 300,000 adult deaths in the United States each year are attributable to unhealthy dietary habits and physical inactivity or sedentary behavior.

Routine exercise and a well-balanced diet are vital in preventing illness and disease. They also have many other benefits:

- ☐ Raising HDL (good) cholesterol levels
- ☐ Lowering blood pressure
- ☐ Increasing your metabolic rate
- ☐ Improving emotional spirits
- ☐ Decreasing stress levels
- ☐ Increasing your energy level
- ☐ Decreasing body fat

In the end, it really doesn’t matter why you decide to start exercising; all that matters is that you take that first step to a healthier you.

As any fitness guru will tell you though, routine exercise is only part of a sound fitness program. The other part is nutrition. This is where the experts over at the Health and Wellness Center can play a vital role. They are the in-house experts on fitness and nutrition. These professionals are here to help you develop a well-rounded individualized exercise and nutritional program. If you’re new on the fitness scene, I highly recommend that you stop by and see them first. They are located with the fitness center and can start you out on the right path.

Moderation, responsibility are key

Question: During the Sept. 17 commander’s call, Col. Schmidt cautioned the audience on the ill effects and recent irresponsibility of some wing members with regard to alcohol use and personal fitness; however, he went on to congratulate the whole wing for support of the flying hour program by throwing a party with fatty foods such as brats and burgers, washed down with free beer. Do we really need alcoholic beverages at a base-sponsored picnic to facilitate the BLAZE Spirit, considering the commander’s concern over the recent outbreak of alcohol-related incidents?

Answer: I appreciate your concern over the health and safety of our wing. I am extremely proud of the

Columbus BLAZE team and all we have accomplished this year. With the support of the entire wing, we’ve graduated 348 professional military aviators, and flown over 94,000 flying hours without any major safety incidents. This is an outstanding feat we do not take for granted. The wing deserved a celebration. Since I do not think that the many should pay for the mistakes of the few, I authorized alcohol at this picnic. Designated drivers and base shuttle buses were all part of the plan. BLAZE team members are not required to abstain from alcohol. We just need to drink responsibly.

*Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander*

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Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Pinata Bash

Tania Jones, 9, cheered on by Terri Graves, 14th Youth Services school-age coordinator, swings at a swaying pinata Wednesday at the youth center. The Columbus AFB multicultural committee donated the pinata in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Hispanic Heritage Month began Sept. 15, on the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico achieved independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18. BLAZE team members here identify Hispanics who inspire them:

Airman 1st Class Maria Velazquez
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Isabel Allende of Chile is one of my favorite authors. My favorite book is Paula, which she dedicated to her daughter. I admire her because she is a strong woman who immigrated to Venezuela when her uncle, Chilean president Salvador Allende, was assassinated in 1973.



Isabel Allende was born in Lima, Peru in 1942, but moved to Chile at the age of three. She wrote *La Casa de los Espiritus* (The House of the Spirits), a history of Chile through the female lineage; *De amor y de sombra* (Of Love and Shadows); *Eva Luna*; *El plan infinitavo* (The Infinite Plan); and *Cuentos de Eva Luna*, a collection of short stories, in Spanish. Her *Daughter of Fortune* was an Oprah’s Book Club selection.



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez
Public affairs

At first glance, the Hispanic Aviation Leadership Program students might appear indistinguishable from one another. All four don the same olive drab flight suits with gold bars embroidered upon each shoulder, have the same deep brown eyes and dark hair, and speak with accents that betray English as their second language.

Second lieutenants Rimmy Meneses, Juan Bravo, Alvaro Lopez and Carlos Capriel may all be Hispanic ALP pilots to their American counterparts at Columbus AFB, but they are further distinguishable even from one another by the Latin countries they call home.

Born in Oruro, Bolivia, 27 year-old Lieutenant Meneses grew up knowing he wanted to fly planes. “I wanted to become a pilot because it was the only job I knew I would love doing,” he said.

He joined the military in 1995, and has been flying since 2000. Lieutenant Meneses not only left his parents, two brothers, two sisters and large extended family behind when he left for Columbus AFB last April, but also his then-girlfriend, to whom he is now married.

“We were married when I returned to Bolivia for a short visit after finishing an English course in San Antonio,” he said. “We’ve only been married five months. I hope she can come and visit me while I’m here.”

Even though he misses home, Lieutenant Meneses says he is grateful for being given the chance to train here.

“Columbus is small, but a good place to get an education,” he said. “I’m thankful for the opportunity to come here because I know all of my classmates from the academy at home would love to be in my position.”

Lieutenant Bravo was born in Alausi, Ecuador, but was living in Manta before he came to CAFB in May earlier this year. He, too, has known he wanted to be a pilot since he was a little boy. “I love planes and traveling,” he said.

After completing ALP, Lieutenant Bravo will return home in March to his parents and two sisters, with whom he speaks almost daily.

“The main difference between Columbus and home is the facilities,” said Lt. Bravo. “The training we receive is very similar, but the facilities here are larger in size and number.”

Both Lieutenants Meneses and Bravo agree that the hardest part of their schooling is the fact that English is their second language. When asked if that obstacle created any apprehension in coming to CAFB, Lieutenant

Special edition

International student spotlight

Bravo said, “Back at home, nobody really sets their hopes on coming to Columbus for ALP because so few get the chance - kind of like playing the lottery, but not really expecting to win. When you are chosen to come here, you don’t even think about the language barrier because you’re so excited about the opportunity.”

Lieutenant Lopez is 23 years old, and was born in Asunción, Paraguay. When he was younger, he used to visit the Air Force base close to his home often and watch in awe as the aircraft flew in formation above him. He was impressed, and his love for planes led him to his decision to become a pilot.

He speaks with his two brothers and sister every week and admits he misses his family. “Coming here was like a dream, but at the same time, I felt like it was a long time to be away from home,” he said.

Though a bit home-sick, Lieutenant Lopez also says he feels privileged to be here. “I can’t think of any reason not to like Columbus. It’s a nice place, with nice people. I love the nature in Mississippi,” he said. “So much money and effort is put into the training we receive here. I don’t think some people realize how good they have it.”

Twenty-four year-old Lieutenant Capriel was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala. At the age of 15, he was enrolled in a military boarding school. Most graduates become crew chiefs, but after high school, he attended a military academy in Guatemala and was selected as one of only 10 students to become a pilot.

He has two sisters and a younger brother, but because he has been living apart from his family since a young age, communication is not regular. “I do try to keep in touch with my parents, and enjoy my siblings’ company when I’m at home,” Lieutenant Capriel said.

Here, he interacts often with other international students. A few students got together one Saturday for a barbeque, he said, and what started as a small get-together has grown into a much larger gathering for the international pilots.

Mississippi culture was a shock to Lieutenant Capriel. “I had to get used to people’s accents and the way they use words,” he said. “Sometimes people say one thing, but it means something different.”

He acknowledges his longing to be surrounded in a culture where he understands everything, but remains grateful for his time at Columbus AFB.

“Any place can be a good place to be,” said Lieutenant Capriel. “When you have friends, you can have a good time anywhere.”

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Tuesday

Noon — Lunch and Bible study

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. — Dinner and Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

IN THE THEATER

Today

“*Freddy vs. Jason*” (R, pervasive violence/gore, sexuality, drug use, language, 96 min.)

Starring: Robert Englund, Ken Kirzinger

Saturday

“*S.W.A.T.*” (PG, violence, language, some sexual references, 111 min.)

Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, LL Cool J

Oct. 10

“*Seabiscuit*” (PG-13, language, some sexual situations, violent sports-related images, 141 min.)

Starring: Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges

ON CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood at Ext. 7065 for more information.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Oct. 10

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

CLEP Tapes:

English Composition



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Back home

DynCorp employees replace the T-37 and T-38 static displays Monday at the main gate. The planes were temporarily removed Aug. 5 under an Air Force requirement that display jets be taken down every three years for maintenance.

BASE NOTES

Boy Scouts: Troops 52 and 62 are scheduled to attend the Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt “Scout Day” football game Saturday at Starkville. Members attending in uniform and selling programs with their units earn free admission.

The Fall Camporee is scheduled for Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at Indian Ridge. The theme is "Emergency." Members of the Columbus AFB Fire Department will train the troop in First Aid and Emergency Preparedness at 9 a.m. Oct. 25 at the CAFB Fire Department.

For more information on joining Troop 52 call Kayline Hamilton at Ext. 2504.

Thrift Shop: The thrift shop, Bldg. 345 on C Street, is open Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing.

Bible studies: Tuesday lunch study is based on “The Strength of Being Tender” by Phyllis LePeau.

Wednesday dinner studies include “Elevate” for young adults with Chaplain Bryan Hochhalter, “The Victory” for everyone with Chaplain Lonnie Brooks,

and “Wild and Wacky” for children with Joy Garrison.

For more information call Ext. 2500.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Parenting for prevention: The video “Stop Enabling - Start Empowering” for parents of small children is scheduled for 11a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center.

“Setting Limits for Kids” is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday. Call Ext. 2631 to register one day prior.

Shrinking childhood: A seminar by Readus Linton on parents’ expectations and children’s stressors is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center.

Call Ext. 2631 to register by Monday.

Stress Workshop: A workshop by Readus Linton on identifying, reducing and coping with stress is scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center.

Call Ext. 2631 to register by Monday.

New parent training: A seminar by

Readus Linton for expectant parents is scheduled for 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the family support center.

Call Ext. 2790 to register by Monday.

Holiday preparation: A spending and planning workshop is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday at the family support center.

Call Ext. 2790 to register by Wednesday.

WIC appointments: A Women, Infants and Children program representative will be at the family support center Oct. 10.

To schedule an appointment call Ext. 2790.

Computer studies: Self-paced programs for learning Microsoft Office and PhotoDraw are available. Each program has three levels of expertise.

For more information call Ext. 2839.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. daily.

For more information call Ext. 2794.

Pre-separation counseling: Counseling is mandatory and may be completed up to one year prior to retirement or separation. For more information call Ext. 2839.

SUPT Class 03-15 earns silver wings



Capt. William Bohnstedt
Warner Robins, Ga.
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



Capt. Gregory Miller
Elysburg, Pa.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



1st Lt. Casey Busta
St. Paul, Minn.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Ola.



1st Lt. David Diehl
Littleton, Colo.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



1st Lt. Joshua Doty
Charlotte, N.C.
C-21, Ramstein AB, Germany



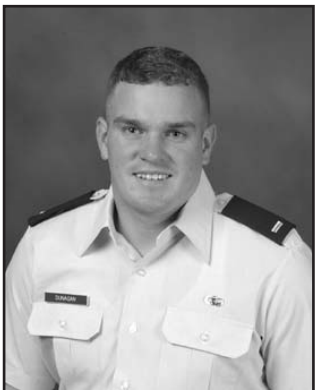
1st Lt. Michael Mulligan
Woodbury, Conn.
B-1B, Dyess AFB, Texas



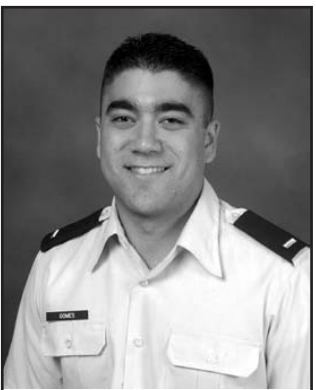
1st Lt. David Schneider
Blythe, Calif.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Christopher Caughell
San Raphael, Calif.
KC-10, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Timothy Dunagan
Atlanta, Ga.
T-6, Moody AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Chuck Gomes
Pukalani, Hawaii
E-8, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Jeremy Putman
Easley, S.C.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Andrew Rollins
Napa, Calif.
F-15E, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.



2nd Lt. Adam Rosado
Orlando, Fla.
KC-135, Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. James Shaughnessy
Tavernier, Fla.
KC-135, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. E. Race Steinfort
Lincoln, Ill.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Robert Stimpson III
Peachtree City, Ga.
F-16, Springfield ANG, Ohio



2nd Lt. Kevin Walsh
Levittown, N.Y.
F-16, Springfield ANG, Ohio



2nd Lt. Edward Yeash III
Washington, Pa.
C-17, McGuire AFB, N.J.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-15 grants silver wings to 24 new Air Force pilots at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, Air Force Space Command Space and Missile Systems Center commander, Los Angeles AFB, Calif.

General Arnold is responsible for managing the research, design, development, acquisition and sustainment of space launch, command and control, missile systems and satellite systems.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

First Lt. David Diehl, T-1A, and 2nd Lt. Andrew Rollins, T-38, received the AETC Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to Capt. William Bohnstedt, T-1A, and Capt. Gregory Miller, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Diehl and Rollins, along with 2nd Lt. Mark Jacobsen, T-1A, were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft

flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

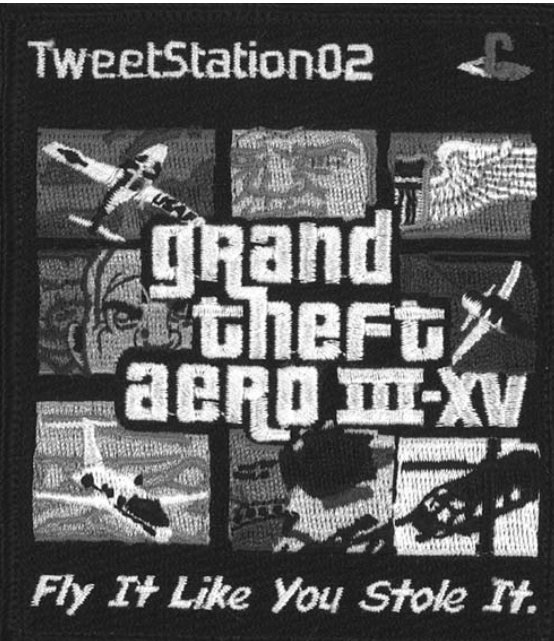
Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are Columbus Urology Group and 4-County Electric.)*



Services caters to needs of Columbus AFB people

Catfish buffet: The Columbus Club offers an all-you-can-eat catfish buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members.

Diners may also order from the a la carte menu. Call Ext. 2490.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. Play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Techno night: The enlisted lounge features the CAFB Underground hosted by Scott Vandeplas from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight at the enlisted lounge. Call Ext. 2490.

CJ's delivery service: CJ's Restaurant offers a delivery service for anything on their menu from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday. To place an order call 434-3078.

Football Frenzy: Enter to win in the club's Football Frenzy program. The enlisted lounge is open Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m. The prizes include tickets to the Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl game. For details, stop by the club.

Preschool story time: The Library seeks volunteers to read for the preschool story time Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Program lasts approximately 30 minutes. Call Ext. 2934.

Youth pool league: Register by Wednesday for the youth center's intramural pool league starting Oct. 16. Youth, ages 9-17, play against each other every Thursday afternoon in the youth center. Awards will be presented at the end of the season. Call Ext. 2504.

Quick shot bingo: The Bowling Center offers quick shot bingo anytime the Bowling Center is open. Cash prizes. Cards are \$1 each.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers classes for youth and adults. Youth classes include making a straw hat turkey pin Wednesday, a scarecrow pin Oct. 15, a turkey sucker centerpiece Oct.

22 and a Thanksgiving wallhanging Oct. 29.

The adult classes include making a pumpkin or ghost lantern Tuesday, a wooden autumn door hanging Oct. 14, a scarecrow door hanging Oct. 21, a turkey wooden wall hanging Oct. 28 and a wooden turkey door hanging Oct. 30.

Register at least four days in advance. Call Ext. 7836.

Photography and art contests: Deadline for entering the skills development center's annual photography contest is Oct. 10; deadline for the artist/craftsman's contest is Oct. 17. Competition is open to youth (ages 17 and younger) and adults.

For more information stop by the center or call Ext. 7836.

National Football League trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to New Orleans to watch the New Orleans Saints play the Chicago Bears Oct. 11 to 12.

Cost is \$99 per person and includes transportation, one night lodging (double

occupancy), accommodations at the Radisson on Canal Street and a ticket to the game.

The bus will leave the community center at 8 a.m. Saturday and return Sunday evening. Call Ext. 7861.

Give parents a break/parents night out: The child development center offers this program from 4 to 10 p.m. Oct. 18. Register by Oct. 15. Call Ext. 2486.

Birthday parties: Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure describing each package. Call Ext. 2426.

Air Force Family and Teen Talent Contest: The youth center hosts this contest at 2 p.m. Nov. 1. Contestants can enter in one of eleven categories: parent and child team; husband and wife team; children, ages 3-5; children, ages 6-8; preteen solo or group, ages 9-12; teen

solo or group, ages 13-15 or ages 16-18; and family.

Prizes will be awarded to winners. Participants must be registered by Oct. 10.

Call Ext. 2504.

Squadron pumpkin carving contest: The library offers this program each year. Squadron representatives may pick up pumpkins from 1:30 p.m. Oct. 28 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 29. Judging will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 30. All entries must be turned in by noon Oct. 30. Call Ext. 2934.

Youth center fall festival: The youth center offers a fall festival from 7 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a dance for ages 9 and older from 9 to 11 p.m. Oct. 31. Entry is \$3 per child. Adults accompanying children are free. Youth attending the Fall Festival gain free entry to the dance. There will be a costume contest and a pre-carved pumpkin contest at 8 p.m. Glow items will be on sale from Oct. 27-31 at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.



Pam Wickham

Hors d'oeuvres?

Barbara Cantrell, club caterer, discusses food options with Kim Carey, party giver. The Columbus Club offers a full-service catering program to include Christmas parties, promotion parties, weddings, retirement ceremonies or special anniversary parties. For more information call Ext. 2490 or 2543.

Antebellum homes to open around the untouched city



Inez Henry

Andrea Romeo, in 1850s attire, guides visitors through an antebellum home. BLAZE belles can volunteer as tour guides during the 2004 Columbus Pilgrimage by calling the Columbus Historic Foundation at 329-3533.

Russell James, M.A.
Columbus-Lowndes Public Library



Each year since 1940, Columbus has opened its many antebellum homes to visitors for tours. The event is called the Columbus Pilgrimage of Homes and is a great tourism success.

In 1940, the owners of these homes had planned a garden conference.

When the weather was too cold to hold tours and parties in the gardens, the women opened their doors and were hospitable to the visitors. Thus began the annual event that has since drawn national fame.

The 2004 Pilgrimage, March 30 to April 11, will be featured in *Southern Living*.

Usually eight to 12 homes are featured on the tour, along with a few gardens. A modestly-priced ticket buys admission to three homes or two homes and a garden. Usually there is a group of homes to tour in the morning, another in the afternoon, and a third in the evening by candlelight. You can tour most of the houses in a few days' time or spend the entire two weeks taking them in at a leisurely pace.

The owners of the homes spend all year preparing for the tours: writing scripts, painting the homes and landscaping the gardens and yards, getting volunteer hostesses and cleaning the insides of the homes floor to

ceiling. The hostesses and owners wear period clothing, usually from the 1850s and 1860s, and tell the history of their homes to everyone visiting.

In the past couple of years, some older churches also have been featured, and efforts made to involve more African-American tourists and residents of the city.

Missionary Union Baptist Church, the oldest African-American church in Columbus, joined the Pilgrimage last year after extensive remodeling and historic preservation work. The Haven, on the tour for many years, is famous as a home that was built by two brothers, free men of color, in 1843. This home is not open during this year's Pilgrimage, but is impressive even from the street.

A popular and oft-imitated feature of the Pilgrimage is "Tales From the Crypt."

Students from the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (top 160 students in the state) choose names from a list of people buried in Friendship Cemetery and spend the fall semester researching them. Three nights a week for the two weeks of the Pilgrimage, the students portray the person they have researched, that person's family member, or even a slave of the person. The drama is by candlelight in the cemetery. The Pilgrimage and the Tales programs are two of many opportunities to learn about Columbus history. More on the others next time.

(Editor's note: Some homes are also decorated and open during Christmas holidays. For more information, call the Columbus Historic Foundation at 329-3533.)

Coming attractions

Friday and Saturday: 14th Annual Magnolia State 100 at Columbus Speedway. Grandstand admission is free. For more information visit www.mid-southracing.com/columbus.

Saturday: Hazel Blue in concert 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Princess Theatre. Admission is \$4 per person.

Wednesday: Golden Triangle Employment Expo at the Trotter Convention Center in downtown Columbus. For more information call Mark Horning at 434-2839.

Oct. 10: Mississippi State University homecoming parade in Starkville. For more information call Laurie Carlisle at 325-7413.

Oct. 11: Trash to Treasures flea market, antiques, and craft exhibits at the Columbus Fairgrounds. For more information call Heather Pack at 328-5147.

Oct. 11 to 12: Columbus Day Celebration in downtown Columbus with retail specials, prizes and live entertainment. For more information call 328-6305 or visit www.columbusmainstreet.com.

Concert Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve

Friday, October 10

7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

Rent-Whitfield Auditorium, MUW

FREE TICKETS

available at FSC and base library



Air Force sinks Navy in Magnolia Cup

BLAZE captain: NAS Meridian found out what really happens when you ‘step into the blue’



Bill Connelly

Toni Holcomb chips a shot to the green. Women played on both the Air Force and Navy teams for the first time in Magnolia Cup history Saturday.

Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady
Public affairs

Columbus AFB regained the Magnolia Cup in a 19.5 to 7.5 victory over Naval Air Station Meridian, Miss., Saturday and Sunday at Whispering Pines golf course here.

Players were selected based on their handicaps, how well they play in their club championships, and by two captain’s picks.

“As a PGA professional, I am very proud of our players,” said Ricky Magers, club pro. “One of the most important parts of this event is the fellowship, and we showed our Navy friends a good time while they were visiting our base.”

To some players, fellowship was the most important part.

“We had a great time and won our matches against the Meridian lady golfers, but actually, the golf was secondary to the fun,” said Toni Holcomb. “We met as competitors, but they left us as friends.”

Holcomb and Rachel Kasic, along with

the Meridian females, were the first four women ever invited to compete in the tournament.

Kasic said, “It felt great to have women play in the Magnolia Cup for the first time, and even better because we won our matches.”

The men were not as humble about the victory.

“I told them [Navy] on the first day that this was our year and that the Magnolia Cup was coming back home,” said team captain John Sykes.

Roy Wood said it was a matter of pride.

“We were embarrassed by the Navy on their turf last year and we knew we were going to return the favor this year,” Wood said.

Also playing on the BLAZE team were Bob LeTourneau, Bart Bartowick, Gene Holcomb, Sam Shoemake, Roy Wood, Mike Evers, Greg Matthes, Matt Matthes, Preston Holt, Chuck Jones, Wendell Reed, Howard Ferguson and Kevin Hawk

The Magnolia Cup rivalry began in 1999 and is hosted annually at alternating bases.

PT gear? Not yet

General Jumper’s Sight Picture “Fit to Fight” issued on July 30 contained the statement, “We are planning to issue physical fitness gear as part of the program and to put responsibility for Physical Training in the chain of command - not with the medical community or the commander’s support staff.”

But there must be much more discussion at the headquarters level before any PT gear can be procured and issued. There has been no policy developed for issuing such gear (i.e. who, what, when, where). Until we receive guidance, organizations are NOT to use appropriated funds to procure any PT gear using the statement in the “Chief’s Sight Picture - Fit To Fight” as the authority to do so. We will keep you posted as we get additional details.

2nd Lt. Steve Koester
14th Comptrollers Flight



Airman Cecilia Rodriguez

Are you ready for some (flag) football?

Adam Brock, Joel Johnson, Stephen Bonner and Ryan Dojka prepare for flag football season with a scrimmage Tuesday afternoon at the Appreciation Celebration. Full-color photo and story coverage of the year-end base picnic is scheduled to run in the Oct. 10 SilverWings centerspread.

SHORTS

No-tap bowling

No-tap bowling begins at 7 p.m. today at the bowling alley. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required. Call Ext. 2426.

Youth bowling

Saturday youth bowling begins at 10 a.m. for ages 5 to 11 and 12:30 p.m. for ages 12 and older. Cost is \$6 per week. Call Ext. 2426.

Fall soccer league

Military, civilian and adult family members are invited to play FIFA soccer behind the officers club Sunday afternoons.

Visit www.geocities.com/columbusfutbol.

Lunch-hour fitness

The Health and Wellness Center offers women-only circuit training Tuesdays and Thursdays, and step aerobics Wednesdays and Fridays, at noon. Call Ext. 2908.

Martial arts

Students five and older can take Tae Kwon Do between 6 and 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Call Ext. 2404.

Tennis instruction

The youth center offers tennis lessons for ages five and older. Cost is \$40 monthly for two 1-hour (ages 8 up) or 45-minute (7 and under) lessons per week. Call Ext. 2504.

Fitness 101

Basic class teaches how to find target heart rate, use the fitness equipment and get results. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2773.

Circuit training

Advanced class focuses on the benefits on circuit training. Classes are by appointment only. Fitness 101 is a prerequisite. Call Ext. 2773.

Personal trainers

Certified personal trainers are available to help tailor routines for individual ability, more variety or a better workout. Call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics

The fitness center offers 15 different classes, from step to kickboxing and spinning to yoga, every week. Pick up a schedule at the front desk, or call Ext. 2772.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Duty Telephone #: _____
(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

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AQUILA

Monday, October 20
7 p.m.

Rent Whitfield Auditorium, MUW

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(\$20 value)
to military ID holders
courtesy Columbus Arts Council
and Arts Midwest

See squadron/group commander